

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 9, 16, and 18 have been amended to further clarify the patentable subject matter in a good faith effort to bring the prosecution of this case to a conclusion. No new matter is added by the amendments, which find support throughout the specification and figures. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 9, and 18 have been amended to remove all reference to the term “relatively”. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that the claims as presented are definite, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3, 9-13, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,654,814 to Britton et al. (hereinafter Britton). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Britton apparently discloses a method and system for policy-based distribution of tailoring functions to first and second data processing systems based on session specific information. (Britton; Abstract). Britton notes that the disclosed methods may be applied equally to both static and dynamic content (Britton; col. 13, lines 14-33).

Applicant by way of contrast discusses a system and method which is particularly directed and suited for establishing policies associated with static parameters, and caching these so that the policies relating to static parameters need not be renegotiated for every message. Britton does not disclose these features.

In particular, amended claim 1 is directed to a computer system including, *inter alia*, a service layer for providing a specific additional service to the application in accordance with a policy of specific control or instructions to each message. In amended claim 1, the service layer is provided with an *analyzing means dividing the parameters* described in each message for specifying the message into (i) static parameters not changing over a long period and (ii) dynamic parameters changing over a short period and for *extracting said static and dynamic parameters individually from each of said messages*. Amended claim 1 also recites a *requesting means* for requesting the policy manager to provide a *group of policies allocated to the static parameters using the extracted static parameters*.

The present invention includes the features of: (a) dividing the parameters described in each message into (i) static parameters not changing over a long period and (ii) dynamic parameters changing over a short period and extracting the above static dynamic parameters individually from each message (Specification; figure 1; analyzing means 30); and (b) requesting the policy manager to provide a group of policies allocated to the static parameters using the thus extracted static parameters (Specification; figure 1; requesting means 30).

In Britton, there is no disclosure or suggestion of extracting both static parameters and dynamic parameters *individually from each message*, as in the present invention. The Examiner cites a section of Britton that apparently discloses a user identification and a discussion of retrieval of user preferences. (Britton; col. 13, lines 15-25 and lines 45-55). However there is no discussion in Britton that static and dynamic parameters are extracted individually from each message, as recited in claim 1. Therefore Britton does not anticipate claim 1.

Additionally, according to Britton, “while the present invention has generally been described with respect to static content, ... *the present invention may be equally applicable to*

dynamic web content” (Britton; col. 13, lines 28-33; emphasis added). Therefore, there is no disclosure in Britton that only the static parameters are extracted from the message in order to use the extracted static parameters for requesting the acquisition of a group of policies. Therefore, in Britton, it is not stated that static parameters are extracted and used for the acquisition of a group of policies.

Independent claims 9, 16, and 18 include features similar to those discussed above in regard to claim 1, and therefore these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2, 3, and 10-13 depend from claims 1 and 9, and therefore these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 9 are allowable.

Claims 4-8, 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Britton in view of United States Patent No. 6,047,051 to Ginzboorg et al. (hereinafter Ginzboorg). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Ginzboorg is cited as teaching pre-service policy negotiations and agreement indicator functions as claimed by Applicant, for example, in claims 4 and 5. However, Ginzboorg fails to teach or suggest Applicant’s system and method for managing policies associated with static parameters.

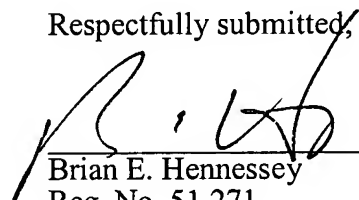
The addition of Ginzboorg fails to cure the deficiencies discussed above as regards independent claims 1, 9, 16, and 18, from which claims 4-8, 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20 depend. Therefore, claims 4-8, 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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